

General News.

The Czar Would Compel Peace.

London, May 22.—The morning Post publishes the following dispatch from its correspondent at the Hague:

"M. de Staal (head of the Russian delegation and President of the conference), received final instructions from Emperor Nicholas to deal with the question of realizing compulsory arbitration, whether by a supreme tribunal of several great powers, or by a private tribunal consisting of the powers whose interests might be at stake, with the subsequent friendly mediation by some third power."

The Daily News publishes a dispatch from The Hague, supposed to be inspired by William T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, which is in part as follows:

"Regarding arbitration the present position of the delegates seems to be this: Germany and the other two powers of the triple alliance are entirely against it and Turkey follows in their wake. Great Britain and the United States are entirely in favor of it. Prof. von Stengel, of the German delegation, said today: 'Arbitration is impracticable when two nations are divided by a vital issue, while in less important questions it exists already.'

France is hesitating, and will probably agree with Russia. Several delegates confess that they came to the conference unprepared, and have already learned much."

The Hague, May 22.—The disarmament committee of the Peace Conference meets at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, the committee on the laws of warfare meets during the afternoon of the same day and the committee on arbitration meets on Wednesday.

The chiefs of the delegations have had frequent conferences with the view of arriving at an agreement in regard to the choice of officers of the committees, but, apparently many difficulties have arisen as nothing has been finally settled.

Many false and exaggerated reports have been circulated regarding these hitches. For instance it has been said that Count Von Munstun, the German Ambassador at Paris, and head of the German delegation, would withdraw from the conference. Such stories must be received with caution, as persons hostile to the aims of the conference have been busily engaged in spreading distrust.

Andrew D. White, the United States Ambassador at Berlin and head of the American delegation, in an interview here with a representative of the Associated Press said he regarded the situation as promising, and that the first work of organization was well done. He added:

"I am hopeful that it will be possible to reach practical conclusions. The skepticism of the first few days must yield to serious hopes without at the same time indulging in exaggerated expectations."

"The words of Emperor William have contributed to improve the situation. I think we may arrive at some result on the subject of mediation and arbitration. Although it is undoubtedly impossible to make such action obligatory, it can be rendered at least optional. That will be an immense advance."

"I am also confident that important improvements are achievable in the laws and usages of war. Relative to the reduction of armaments. I am not in a position to speak on the subject."

Other Ambassadors interviewed expressed similar views. They seemed convinced, however, that numerous difficulties of detail would arise in the various committees, and that the conference would be protracted.

The Peace Conference.

The Hague, May 20.—The second sitting of the Peace Conference took place this morning, and lasted thirty-five minutes.

It was learned during the day that M. de Staal placed the question of mediation and arbitration in the forefront during his speech today. The question of the laws of war, rendering war as humane as possible by the extension of the regulations already existing, was then touched upon by the president, and he relegated the question of the reduction of armaments to the third place.

It is now considered certain that mediation and arbitration will have the chief place in the work of the conference. Further, the opinion is unanimous that the American and British delegates will take the most important part in the study of these questions.

McKinley's Trip to Washington.

Harrisonburg, Va., May 20.—The President's train was received enthusiastically during its run through the Shenandoah valley. Staunton was reached at an early hour and there the train was side tracked until 8 o'clock this morning. All along the road expectant Virginians had gathered. At this point a large crowd had collected and the town was gaily decorated with flags, while pictures of the President were generally displayed. A committee invited Mr. McKinley to address the assembled crowd, and preceded by a band the President was escorted to the public square, where some introductory remarks were made by Col. Rohrer of the citizens' committee. He said:

"My fellow citizens of Rockingham county; The great honor has been assigned to me of introducing to you, as President of these United States of America, one whom we can call, for the first time in forty years, the President of a united country. There is no North, no South, no East, West, but one, at last and forever. We welcome you, our chief captain and our pilot, not just as the patriots of the olden times did our George Washington, as first in war, but as last for war and first in peace. I have, my fellow citizens, the satisfaction of introducing to you the honorable William McKinley, the President of the United States the grandest country on the face of this globe."

The President replied as follows:

"Fellow citizens. I beg to acknowledge the very very warm and generous welcome which has been extended on your behalf by Col. Rohrer. I assure you that this is altogether an unexpected courtesy and pleasure and all the more appreciated. For, in passing so rapidly through your valley, I had no thought that I would be thus greeted by the people of Rockingham county. I am glad, my fellow citizens, to look upon your beautiful valley once more, one of the richest and most attractive in our great country. It is a rich heritage you possess and enjoy. I heartily join with your speaker in congratulations upon a reunited country. We are now happily one in purpose and one in patriotism. I congratulate you upon evidences of prosperity that I see at every hand. It is a common prosperity, participated in by both the North and the South. It now rests upon us and those who follow us to see to it that this union of States, established by the fathers, representing liberty and justice, representing the highest opportunities and blessings, shall not perish from the earth. I thank you, and bid you good bye." (Loud and prolonged applause)

Strasburg Junction, Va., May 20.—One of the most conspicuous features of each stop was the ever-present Confederate veteran who passed forward to grasp Mr. McKinley's hand. At Woodstock General Jas. H. Williams, a gray-haired soldier who commanded a Confederate battery at Kernstown, pushed to the steps of the car, and, taking the President by the hand, said: "We, of Woodstock, are all here to greet you and to welcome you, irrespective of race, color or previous condition of servitude. I want to tell you Mr. President, that this is the town from which the celebrated Muhlenberg Dutch regiment went to the Revolutionary war, and there are still some loyal. I was one of those who shot at you. I am glad I missed you, and now I am glad to shake your hand."

This sally was greeted with shouts, "So are we," from many in the crowd. With appreciation of the humor and patriotism in these remarks the President replied: "But I am glad we are all together now."

Winchester, Va., May 2.—As the train passed through the historic battle grounds of the Shenandoah valley the ride became of increasing interest to the President. Fisher's hill and Cedar Creek were passed and Mr. McKinley recalled with great detail the various points and positions of the contending armies. At Winchester a protracted stop was made.

The Presidential party drove through the town and stopped at the present Masonic hall, about a block beyond the humble house now occupied as a barber shop in which the President was initiated into the Masonic order. The many historic dwellings were pointed out, including the headquarters of General Washington during the Revolutionary war, and General Sheridan at the time of his raid through this valley. The reception here was most enthusiastic, crowds cheering and waving hats, running along the street beside the President's carriage.

Southern Mills Show Large Profits

Greenville, S. C., May 19.—The annual meetings of the various cotton mills in this section are about over and they show unprecedented profits. For instance, the American Spinning Company, capital \$21,000, shows net profit of \$37,000; the Piedmont mills, over \$125,000; the Huguenot mills, \$63,000, and others in like proportion. Now while these profits seem large, the profit for the current year will be much larger. The Poe mill, which made \$24,000 for twelve months last year, is now making \$6,000 per month net.

This prosperity will add many spindles to the mills of the south. Already the stock for a \$600,000 mill at Anderson, S. C., has been raised and Colonel James L. Orr, president of the Piedmont mills, will be president and treasurer. A 25,000 spindle mill will be built at Belton, S. C., and be nominally in charge of Captain E. A. Smyth.

Possibly the easiest thing in the world to do now in this section is to raise a half million dollars to build a cotton mill. All of them have paid good dividends and there is all confidence in the future, certainly so far as this year is concerned. There are other evidences of prosperity, as well as the thrift of the cotton mills. One banking institution in this city has voluntarily reduced its rate of interest from 8 to 7 per cent. There are less farm loans than ever before in the history of the country.

The purchase of the South Carolina and Georgia by the Southern is quite an acquisition to Greenville. For the first time in its history the old Columbia and Greenville will have a sleeping car line and night trains. Both coming to Greenville from Charleston and vice versa you can take a sleeper and wake up at the end of your journey. The new schedule begins on Sunday next. As the Coast Line has a line into this city, it is expected that a similar schedule will be put in operation on their line.

The chance of at last getting an electric line for this city seems assured. The engineers are on the ground and in a few days it is probable that active work will begin. The parties contemplating building are the National Gas and Constuction Company, of Philadelphia.

The Reina Mercedes.

Cape Henry, Va., May 20.—Captain Gray, of Big Kinnaket Life saving Station, sixteen miles north of Hatteras, reports a large cruiser in tow of two tugs with another tug following, passing his station bound north at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The tugs were of a park color and carried two masts each. The vessels were too far off shore to signal, but the cruiser is presumed to be the Reina Mercedes.

The Mercedes will reach quarantine at Fisherman's island early to-morrow morning, and unless the Rescue has a clean bill of health from Santiago they will be detained there five days before coming into Hampton Roads.

A Word to Doctors

We have the highest regard for the medical profession. Our preparations are not sold for the purpose of antagonizing them, but rather as an aid. We lay it down as an established truth that internal remedies are positively injurious to expectant mothers. The distress and discomforts experienced during the months preceding childbirth can be alleviated only by external treatment—by applying a liniment that softens and relaxes the over-strained muscles. We make and sell such a liniment, combining the ingredients in a manner hitherto unknown, and call it

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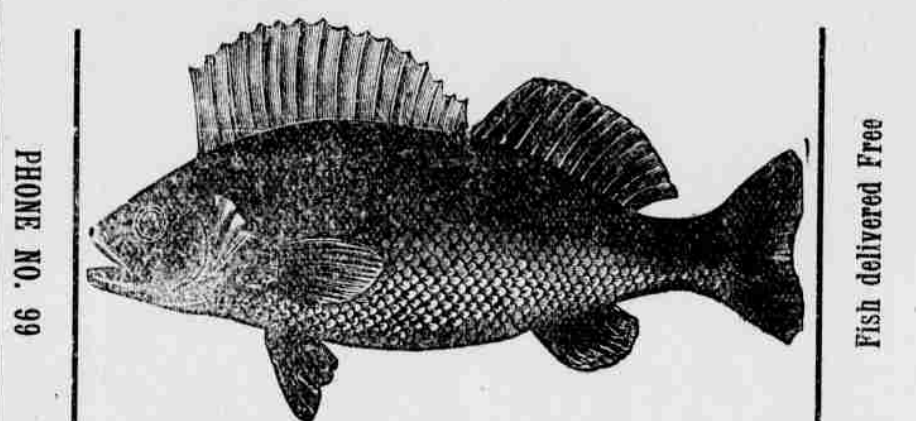
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